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Summit to Showcase 2013 Future Scholars

The 10th Annual Economic Summit continues the Council and Foundation goal to help Tennessee's women and girls attend college. This year, three companies have provided funds for student scholarships. Fidelity Investments, Advance Financial and UPS are all providing funds to support the scholarship of our three traditional and non-traditional students.

"We applaud the actions of these companies for their belief in these young ladies to attend the educational institution of their choice and earn their degrees," said Pat Pierce, chair of the scholarship committee.

The students are listed below:

Traditional Students



Rebecca Raines

Rebecca is from Newport and attends Cocke County High School. Her academic and extracurricular activities keep her busy. She is a commanding officer in her high school NJROTC unit, and participates in several clubs including: HOSA, Beta Club, Key Club, and serves as Co-chair (president) of the Principal's Student Advisory Council. She is also a member of

the varsity volleyball team. During her junior year, she was selected to be a STEM Seminar attendee at Embry Riddle University in Daytona, FL. This emerging leader is involved in several community activities including the Adopt-A-Highway program and Feed My Sheep Ministries. She plans to attend Tennessee State University and become a Naval Officer.

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Message from Executive Director Phyllis Qualls-Brooks

Dear Colleagues,

I am excited about all the activities taking place with the Economic Council. We are proud this month to officially welcome new members to the Council as well as the Foundation.



Our two new Council members are Maleia Evans and Robin Smith. We also welcome four new members to the Foundation. They are Paula Casey, Susanne Dupes, Marcy Eason, and Wisty Pender. We welcome our new members and congratulate them for being selected. We also extend thanks to our members whose terms have expired and want them to know how much we appreciate their untiring service.

We are working feverishly on the 10th Annual Economic Summit for Women, which will feature a myriad of activities. The Hall of Fame induction, the official report on the Economic Impact of Violence Against Women, speakers, elected officials, scholarship presentations and our vendors, all will bring an opportunity for further growth and development for women of Tennessee. I hope you have made plans to attend.

Warmest regards,

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Callie Whitfield

is from Darden, TN. and attends Scotts Hill High School in Reagan and is active in both academic and extracurricular activities. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta Math Club and serves as treasurer. She has also been recognized for Honors Biology. During her Junior year, she was selected to attend the West Star Rising Senior program for emerging leaders. Additionally, she was selected to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Girl's State at Lipscomb University in Nashville, and was elected to two offices. As a member of Christians on Campus, her group provided needed support for a family whose daughter had been abducted. This rising leader also participated in two mission trips to Belize, Central America, which were life changing for her. She plans to attend Mississippi State University.



Emily Bechman

is from Murfreesboro and attends Central Magnet High School. She thrives on being active during her high school years. She is Treasurer of Mu Alpha Theta, Secretary of Engineering Club, Member of Society of Engineers, Member of National Honor Society, Tennessee Governor's School for the Sciences and Engineering, Space Habitat Design Challenge Winner, NASA WISH Aerospace Scholar, NASA INSPIRE Participant, and attendee of International Advanced Space Academy. As a member of the Girl Scouts, she has earned the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards with 82.5 hours of community service and more than 90 high school service hours. She is an AP Scholar with Distinction and currently taking dual-enrollment calculus III, in an effort to be completely prepared for college and success after graduation. She plans to attend Purdue University and major in Aerospace Engineering.



Non-Traditional Students

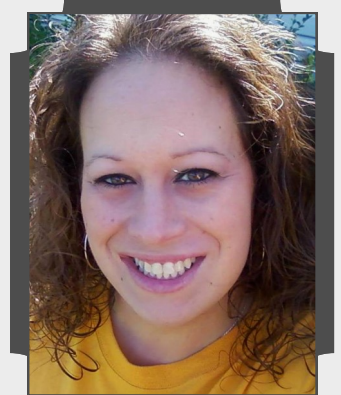
Charlotte Dale

is from Church Hill and is a mother of twin boys, one of whom is a special needs child. As her son's primary caregiver, she learned many nursing techniques which kept her desire to return to school and finish her degree in the forefront. She is enrolled in nursing at Northeast State Community College.



Brandy Parker

is from Hendersonville, is a single mother with three children, and is the Founder and Executive Director of a non-profit organization called My Epilepsy Story. The organization focuses on women and children living with epilepsy. She is clearly passionate about women and children's health issues related to epilepsy. She is attending Vol State Community College majoring in Sociology.



Tracy Jones

is from Adams, is a single mother, and is currently self-employed as a child-care provider. She is attending Vol State Community College majoring in Office Management Technology. Her GPA is 3.7. She is involved in numerous community service events. Her local newspaper, Robertson County Times, recognized her as a volunteer "who is doing their part in the community."

Six New Members Appointed to Council and Foundation

Both the Tennessee Economic Council on Women and the Women's Economic Council Foundation welcome new members. Two new members have been appointed to the Council and four have been appointed to the Foundation.

Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey and Speaker of the House Beth Harwell jointly appointed the two new members to the Economic Council:



Maleia Evans represents the Northwest Tennessee Development District and serves as Director of the Tennessee Small

Business Development Center at Dyersburg State Community College.

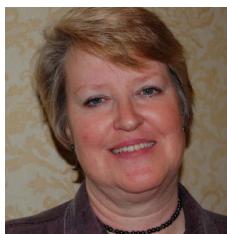


Robin Smith represents the Southeast Tennessee Development District. She is a political strategist and consultant with Smith Waterhouse in

Chattanooga. Both appointments begin immediately.

Additionally, we welcome four new members to the Women's Economic Council Foundation. Paula Casey, Su-

sanne Dupes, Marcy Eason and Wisty Pender were approved by the Executive Committee and their appointments began July 1, 2013.



Paula Casey, Memphis, a former newspaper journalist, served as editorial coordinator for The Perfect 36: Tennessee Delivers Woman

Suffrage, produced a video/DVD on women's suffrage which is in the Smithsonian Institution's political reference files.



Susanne Dupes, Knoxville, is president of the Dalton Dupes Agency. She has extensive experience providing strategic public rela-

tions counsel to senior executives in corporate, government, and non-profit arenas.



Marcy Eason, Chattanooga, is an attorney with Miller & Martin Law Firm.


She concentrates her practice on civil litigation with an emphasis on commercial litigation, lender

liability, and products liability. She has been involved in complex litigation since 1985.



Wisty Pender, Nashville, is the director of the Business Enterprise Resource Office (BERO) program with the Tennessee Economic

and Community Development Agency. This agency focuses on helping women and small businesses with development strategies.

"The Tennessee Economic Council on Women is fortunate to have women of the stature of these recent appointments to both the TECW and the Women's Economic Council Foundation. The boardroom is where strategic decisions are made, governance applied, and risk overseen. It is therefore imperative that boards are made up of competent, high-caliber individuals who together offer a mix of skills, experiences, and backgrounds. These women bring that to the table," said Yvonne Wood, chair of the Economic Council and Foundation. 

Tennessee Women's Hall of Fame Dons New Logo

The Tennessee Women's Hall of Fame will showcase a new logo at the 2013 induction ceremony. The new logo, designed by Erin Perry of Ganick Communications features a sleeker look.

The new design consists of one Greek iconic column topped by round circles. In the double circles are three stars representing the three grand divisions of the state-West-Middle & East.

"It is interesting that the word logo actually comes from the Greek "logos" which means word, thoughts and




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principles. It follows then that The Tennessee Women's Hall of Fame would be represented by a Greek based logo because it stands for extraordinary women throughout this state who have made a significant impact on all

Tennesseans through their strong principles and intellectual thought. The new logo, speaks to the heart and soul of this program and I am very pleased with its design," said Yvonne Wood, chair of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women.

Six outstanding women will be inducted into the Tennessee Women's Hall of Fame during the luncheon at the 10th Annual Economic Summit for Women. The inductees are:

Margaret Behm, Nashville; Dr. Wilsie S. Bishop, Johnson City; Inez Crutchfield, Nashville, Dr. Shirley Raines, Memphis/Oak Ridge; Becca Stevens, Nashville, Jocelyn Dan Wurzburg, Memphis.

For information on attending the induction ceremony for the Tennessee Women's Hall of Fame, contact Yvonne Wood at 615.969.2857, or email at ycwood@aol.com. 

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